

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1139

By Lollar

A RESOLUTION to recognize David Kustoff on the occasion of his retirement from the office of United States Attorney of the Western District of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David Kustoff is one such estimable person who has served with distinction throughout the entirety of his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kustoff will be taking a much deserved retirement from the office of United States Attorney of the Western District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Memphis, David Kustoff graduated from the University of Memphis Fogelman School of Business in 1989 and earned a law degree from the University of Memphis Cecil L. Humphreys School of Law in 1992; and

WHEREAS, establishing himself as an able attorney and a prominent member of the Memphis legal community, Mr. Kustoff worked in private legal practice at Kustoff and Strickland, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership acumen and his perspicacity in analyzing legal issues, President George W. Bush nominated David Kustoff as the United States Attorney of the Western District of Tennessee; following his confirmation hearing before the United States Senate, he was sworn into office on March 27, 2006, and since that date has laudably led the district office in serving the best interests of the community before the federal courts and in bringing criminals to justice; and

WHEREAS, promoting the goals of the United States Attorney General and the Department of Justice in the Western District of Tennessee, Mr. Kustoff has been instrumental in the development of many innovative programs and initiatives to thwart criminal activity, including the Memphis and Shelby County Crime Summit Plan, which endeavors to reduce

crime by fostering collaborative efforts amongst the members of the public service, law enforcement, social services, education, and business communities; and

WHEREAS, as U.S. Attorney, David Kustoff has rendered sterling service on the United States Attorney General's Advisory Council Violent and Organized Crime Subcommittee, the Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee, and the White Collar Crimes Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional who unswervingly endeavors to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, David Kustoff also currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis/Shelby Crime Commission, which seeks the implementation of model crime reduction strategies in the community; as Co-Chairman of the West Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force, which is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who cooperate to combat the illegal production and trafficking of methamphetamine within the district; and as a charter member of the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force, which targets criminal activities associated with methamphetamine across the entire State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kustoff has distinguished himself as an integral member of the Republican Party, as he has lent his expertise to numerous local, state, and national campaigns, including the 2000 George W. Bush presidential campaign, which he served as the Tennessee State Campaign Manager; the 2004 George W. Bush presidential campaign, which he served as the Tennessee General Chairman; the Senate campaigns for Fred Thompson and Lamar Alexander; and the Congressional campaign for Ed Bryant. He further served the party on the State Executive Committee for District 31 and as Chairman of the Republican Party of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional asset to his community, David Kustoff has contributed his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy causes, such as the Kiwanis Club of Memphis, the Liberty Bowl Committee, the 100 Club, the Memphis/Shelby County Fire Museum, Memphis Neighborhood Watch, and the Memphis Zoological Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards, Mr. Kustoff's many accomplishments have earned him countless accolades. He won the Lawman of the Year Award from the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, the 2007 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from the University of Memphis, the Sam A. Myers Memorial Award from the Memphis Bar Association, and the Ronald Reagan

Award from the Shelby County Young Republicans; and he was recognized by the *Memphis Business Journal* and *Business Tennessee* as one of the Top 40 People Under 40 and by the *Memphis Magazine* as one of the 20 People for 2000; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, David Kustoff is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Roberta, and his children, Jake and Massie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kustoff exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure as United States Attorney, David Kustoff has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to David Kustoff our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the office of United States Attorney of the Western District of Tennessee and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.